Upon hearing the news of Senator Edward Kennedy's diagnosis, Congressman Jesse L. Jackson Jr. and Alderman Sandi Jackson released the following joint statement:

"We are both deeply saddened to hear of Senator Kennedy's diagnosis. His exceptional legacy has always been an inspiration to us both. He has been a fighter not just for the state of Massachusetts, but for the entire country. We are certain that his fight will serve him well as he battles this illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with him, his wife and the entire Kennedy family during this difficult time."

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